Reservation for disabled in jobs

†173. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's attitude has been indifferent towards strict implementation of one per cent reservation fixed for the disabled in Government jobs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that blinds' organizations in the country are agitating in this regard;

(c) If so, the action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) The Government has been taking necessary steps to strictly enforce reservation for persons with disabilities in Government jobs. Some organizations of the Blind have been agitating that benefit of 1 percent reservation in Government jobs to persons with visual disability is not available to them. Information regarding vacancies for persons with visual disabilities is being collected.

Fellowships to SC/ST/OBC students for higher education

174. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes to provide fellowships to students belonging to SC/ST and OBC categories for higher studies under various Ministries/ Departments;

(b) the percentage of applicants granted fellowships during the last three years in each category of fellowship;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the number of fellowhsips; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.